In the nineteenth century, the celebration of the New Year eclipsed Christmas festivities. Dutch tradition brought visitors to the more opulent homes in city neighborhoods, and male suitors surveyed the single women available during their revelry. Food and drink were plentiful, signs of the good fortune of the hosts.

Enter Clement Clarke Moore, a well-respected professor. Written for his children, the poem “A Visit from Saint Nicholas” was published at their behest in 1837’s “The New-York Book of Poetry”, among other submissions from the writer. A friend of author Washington Irving, it is suggested that Moore may have acquired some knowledge of Dutch traditions from Irving, shaping the character and appearance of this Saint Nicholas.

Moore used the Dutch language to derive the monikers of the before-unnamed reindeer. Donder and Blitzen’s names were originally Dunder and Blixem, which is similar to the Old Dutch “Donder en Blixem”, which translates to “Thunder and Lightning”.

The tradition of gift-giving at Christmastime soon transferred from New Year celebrations, and our December holiday was transformed from a strictly religious celebration to a celebration of family and generosity. Moore’s little poem has been published many times with illustrations from such well-known artists as Mary Engelbreit and Jan Brett. Come and see the editions available at our library. — Amy Mann, Children’s Technical Assistant
Favorite Holiday Films

The holidays are upon us and it’s time to kick off the holiday shopping, decorate the tree and watch great movies. Here are a few of the best holiday films.

“Planes, Trains, and Automobiles” is an '80s comedy that pairs together two unlikely travel companions that face many obstacles as they journey to Chicago for the holidays.

“Christmas Story” We triple-dog dare you not to like this film, which features a boy who desperately wants a BB gun for Christmas. If you don’t hear someone say, “you’ll shoot your eye out,” did Christmas even happen?

“Home Alone” is the treasured story of a young boy who is accidentally left home alone over the holidays. It’s filled with ill-prepared burglars, brilliant schemes, and a heartwarming ending.

“It’s a Wonderful Life” focuses on the significance of second chances, with a man being shown how terrible life would have been had he not been born. This is a holiday heart warmer.

“White Christmas” is about four musicians who put on a Christmas show that saves a war hero's Inn. The film is bursting with musical numbers, stunning fashion, and inspiring stories of love and loyalty.

“National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation”: Who better to spend the holidays with than the Griswalds and Cousin Eddie?

“Die Hard” is up for debate whether this '80s classic is actually a holiday movie. Nothing makes you feel more warm and fuzzy than a hero taking on terrorists during a corporate office Christmas party. — Missy Chapman, Copy Cataloging Supervisor
Top 15 Circulating Fiction Books with Christmas in the Title

1. Christmas in Harmony / Philip Gulley. INSP
2. Christmas cookie murder : a Lucy Stone mystery / Leslie Meier. M
3. Prairie Christmas / Catherine Palmer, Elizabeth White, Peggy Stoks. INSP
4. The promise in a kiss : a Christmas novel / Stephanie Laurens. RO
5. A simple Amish Christmas / Vannetta Chapman. INSP
6. A redbird Christmas : a novel / Fannie Flagg. FIC
7. A Victorian Christmas keepsake / Catherine Palmer, Kristin Billerbeck, Ginny Aiken. INSP
8. Skipping Christmas / John Grisham. FIC
9. Esther's gift : a Mitford Christmas story / Jan Karon. INSP
10. A Christmas journey / Anne Perry. M
11. The gift / Nora Roberts. RO
12. A McKettrick Christmas / Linda Lael Miller. RO
13. Bridget Jones : the edge of reason / Helen Fielding. FIC
14. The Christmas quilt : an Elm Creek Quilts novel / Jennifer Chiaverini. FIC
DECEMBER MONTHLY PROGRAMS

COOKBOOK CLUB
COOKIE EXCHANGE!
MON, DEC 2
11:00-12:00

CHESS CLUB
SATURDAYS IN DEC.
10:00-1:00

GREYT READERS
Saturday
December 28
11 AM - 12:30 PM
No Registration
Family Fun Activity

VIRTUAL REALITY CLUB
FRI, DEC 27
10-12
EXPERIENCE RIDING A ROLLER COASTER, CLIMBING MOUNT EVEREST, AND SO MUCH MORE!

BINGO!
FRI, DEC 20
2:00-3:00
FREE AND FUN FOR ALL AGES!

ADULTS' DROP IN ZONE
Wed, Dec 4
3:30-5:30
Grades 6-12 ONLY

WRITERS' CLUB
Mon, Dec 9
6:30-7:30

Kids MakerSpace
Tuesday, December 10
4 - 5:45 PM Room C

Kids Pokemon Club
Wednesday
December 11
4:30 - 5:30 PM
Room C
Fun for the entire family.

CHAPTER CHAT BOOK CLUB
Thurs, Dec 12
1:00-3:00

LAKE CITY PIECEMAKERS
Quilt Club
Fri, Dec 13
9:15-12:15

LEGO Club
Monday
December 16
5 - 7 PM
Room C
We supply the LEGO's

Paint with Carl Mosher
December 16
5:30 PM
$20 fee covers instruction & supplies. Register at the reference desk.
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